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2025 begins with a cold snap

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The forecast for 2025 has begun with a cold spell, with wintry showers, ice and frost all in the mix.

The unsettled conditions from the Hogmanay period, with wind and rain for many, will yield to colder conditions as we start to see air from much further north flowing across the UK.

Paul Gundersen is a Chief Forecaster for the Met Office. He said: “Northern parts of the UK are already experiencing colder conditions but by Thursday morning the much colder air will reach remaining parts of the south and southeast.

“Overnight we have a series of National Severe Weather Warnings in place with a combined yellow warning for both snow and ice for northern Scotland, while a yellow ice warning is in place as far south as the Midlands. Standing water remaining from the heavy rainfall of the last few days will freeze, creating a risk for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians navigating untreated surfaces. Wintry showers remain a hazard especially for north-facing coasts and hills.”

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Snow and ice across northeast Scotland
Thursday 1600 – Friday 1000

Ice across northwest Scotland, northwest England and parts of Northern Ireland
Thursday 1700 – Friday 1000

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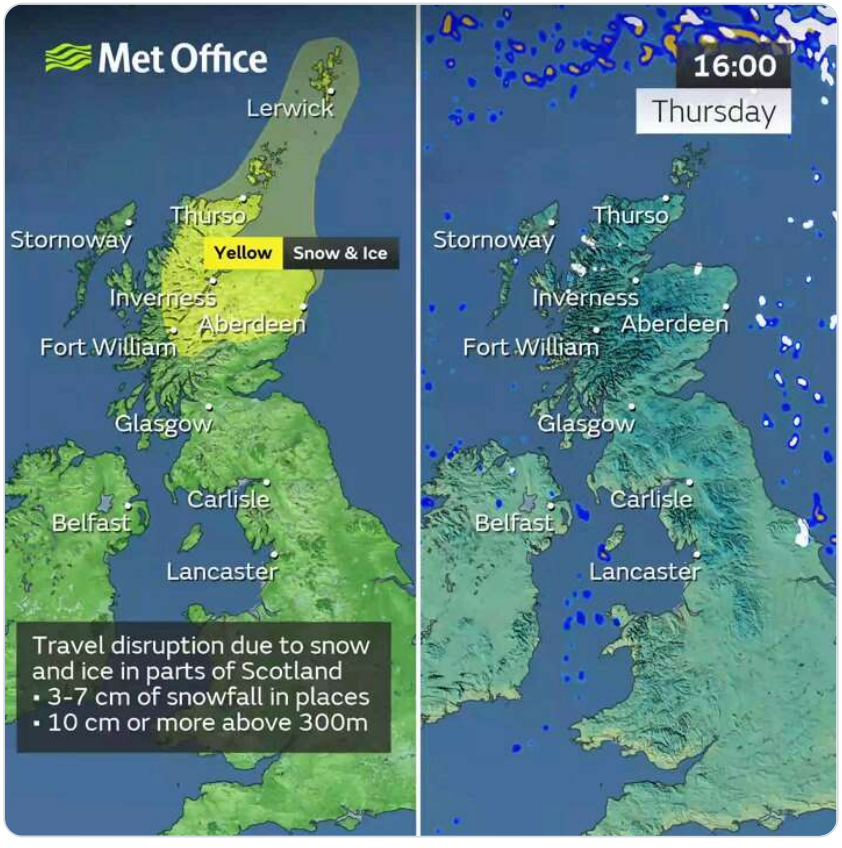

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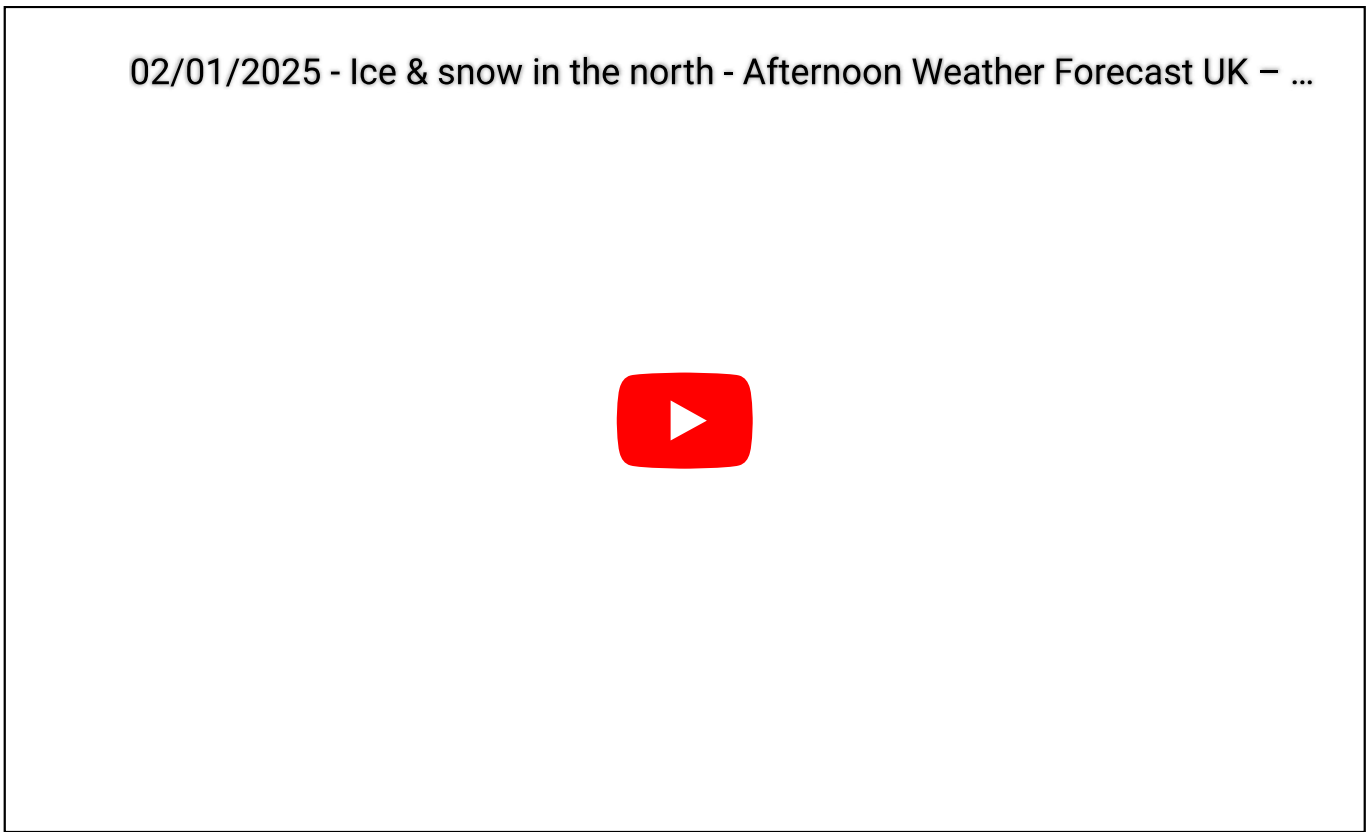
Thursday will be fine and dry for most but it will feel much colder, and this trend will continue into Friday with the threat of overnight ice extending south as far as the South West of England.

Dan Holley is a Deputy Chief Forecaster for the Met Office. He said: “An Atlantic frontal system is likely to move across parts of central and southern UK through the weekend. With milder, moisture-laden air engaging with the cold conditions already in place this may bring a spell of snow in some areas, before possibly turning back to rain in the south.

“At this stage there is a fair amount of uncertainty over exactly which areas will see disruptive snow, with parts of Wales, northern England and the Midlands most likely to see some impacts. Here we could see 5cm or more in quite a few areas, and perhaps as much as 20-30cm over high ground, including Wales and the Pennines. Coupled with strengthening winds this could lead to drifting, making travelling conditions difficult over higher-level routes in particular.

“We’ve currently issued a Yellow warning for snow and ice covering a large part of England and all of Wales to cater for possible disruption over the weekend. A separate yellow warning for snow has been issued for most of Scotland. It’s quite likely these will be refined over the coming days as confidence in the forecast increases, so it’s worth keeping up to date with the latest warnings.”



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